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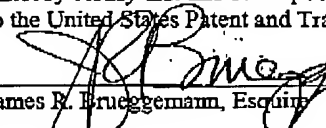
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Applicant: Arnab Sarkar  
Filed: January 9, 2002  
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BY FLAME HYDROLYSIS  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.